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We carry the famous DIAMOND "W" brand of Extracts, Spices, Coffee, Tea and Canned goods. Fresh bread daily. The very best of fruits and vegetables can always be found at our store.

Simonton & Scott Dallas, Oregon

PEOPLE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC FOR EDUCATION

Some Interesting Facts About Monmouth and the State Normal—Prospect Is Good for Re-Opening of School.

The thriving city of Monmouth lies on the Independence and Monmouth railroad two miles from Independence and ten miles southeast of Dallas, Oregon. It has a population of about eight hundred, although it is possible that the present census will give it a little more than that.

Monmouth is not a new town, as the age of other places is compared with it in this part of the state. The first house was built about fifty-five years ago. At that time the country was new and very little of it was developed. The Indians were in evidence in larger numbers than white people, and the plan of collecting them on reservations had not yet been carried out.

The men who took a prominent part in building up the country and the town were: The Rev. John E. Murphy, Albert W. Lucas, Squire Whitman and Ira F. M. Butler, all now deceased. These men came originally from Monmouth, Illinois, and the Polk County town was named after their old home. For a long time of years the growth of the country was very slow. The town was merely a few stores and houses and little was done in the way of developing the country and advancing its advantages.

But as the country began to settle up, the superior advantage of the country became apparent to those seeking investments and homes, and from that time on the advancement was rapid. The place has grown steadily and it is destined to become one of the best country towns in the state. From the standpoint of land by which it is surrounded, no section in Oregon is better than Monmouth and one seeking investment or a home will find nothing superior to this part of the state. The soil is rich and adapted to any crop grown in this climate, and the numerous small farms surrounding the town are all conclusive evidence of the profits that can be secured on the land.

The moral tone of Monmouth is exceptionally high. There has always been an unusual enthusiasm for the cause of education, which has been the distinguishing characteristic. In 1880, T. F. Campbell, came to Oregon looking for a location for a college to be supported by the Christian Church. He was given a warm welcome at Monmouth and it was not long until a building was erected and a school started. The building erected at this time was what is now known as the center wing of the building now standing in Monmouth. Two large additions were afterward added by the State. From the time of the starting of this school, the advancement of the town was more rapid and Monmouth became known as an educational center.

Origin of Normal School.

In 1882, the school lost its denominational character and became a Normal School. It was purchased by the state and became the State Normal School for the training of teachers in the public schools and was supported by annual appropriations made by the legislature. From the time it became a state institution, hundreds of teachers came here eager for the training for the work in the schools and all over the state teachers educated at Monmouth are now doing efficient work for the public.

The people have always been proud of their school, proud of its being located at Monmouth, pleased that they were located in a part of the valley easy of access, and they never lost an opportunity to make it pleasant for those who attended school here. Many students who have been here and gone away have carried with them many pleasant memories of kindnesses shown them by the people of the town who seemed eager to take a special pleasure in assisting the school in every way possible.

This kindly interest in a school and the students is a rare thing in a town. More often it is merely a spirit of indifference and toleration noticed in the citizens of a place where a college is located. But Monmouth and this school are identical. To speak of the school means Monmouth, and to speak of Monmouth means the State Normal. As an evidence of the deep interest taken by the people in the school, in the year of 1908-9, when the state appropriation was discontinued, the people were so in earnest about keeping up the school that they paid its running expenses for a time out of their own pockets, thus actually paying for the instruction of teachers whose work would go to benefit communities in which Monmouth had no personal interest whatever.

At the time the appropriation was cut off, about 50 students were preparing for graduation and the only prospect seemed to be for them to stop short and go home without graduating. To keep faith with these students, the people of Monmouth went down into their own pockets and paid out about \$3000 to keep the school running. But the resources of a small town are limited, and when the next Fall came the school did not reopen, and there the building stands today, empty. In making this money to keep the school running, many of the people paid out as high as \$400—pretty good evidence of an interest in education. At present there is not a State Normal in Oregon for the training of teachers and every citizen should be ashamed to own that the school children can hope for nothing better than what can be gained from the work of untrained teachers, for whose errors and lack of ability in the school room the state is responsible.

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was ever favored. The building is already well equipped with every comfort and convenience necessary to the occupants of it. The heating and lighting equipment is in good order and the sanitary conditions are exceptionally good. Added to this, congenial social conditions make the location ideal in every way. Considering these advantages, is there a man in Oregon who would wish to deny to Monmouth the school for which the people have made such sacrifices, and deny the children of the state their right to the best skilled instructors that can be procured?

Lively Business Town.

Monmouth is situated in the very heart of a rich farming, fruit-raising and dairying country. It has broad, well-kept streets, beautifully shaded by majestic maples. The many handsome homes and well-kept lawns lend an air of comfort and thrift, while the modern brick buildings in the business district denote solidity and strength equal to that observed in the towns of the Middle and New England states. The streets are lighted by electricity, and the town has an excellent system of waterworks. Pure air and good water make Monmouth one of the healthiest towns in Oregon.

In recent years the people of Monmouth have devoted much attention to manufacturing industries and the town now boasts a creamery, flouring mill, ice factory and cannery. One of the largest fruit evaporators in the state is located here. Practically all lines of business are represented. The merchants are progressive and their large and well-selected stocks attract the trade not only of the rich country immediately surrounding the town, but of many farmers and ranchers living in the vast territory to the west and south.

A Thriving Business.

One of the important business establishments of Monmouth is the general merchandise store of Lindsay & Company, owned and managed by J. Lindsay and S. Strickler. This firm has been in business for the past five years, and from the very first has been favored with a splendid patronage. The stock carried includes a line of groceries, dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, and a variety of other things so that the average customer is almost certain to find anything he wants at this store.

The managers of the store have made a study of the wants of their customers and have spared no effort in preparing to supply such needs in a most satisfactory manner.

Bank's Good Record.

No matter what line of business is considered, one always admires success. For a successful business indicates certain qualities of character which are always admirable. In this connection the writer refers to the Polk County Bank, of Monmouth, which first opened its doors for business in 1889. From the opening day this bank has had a successful career and during every panic has stood like the Rock of Gibraltar, when hundreds of other like institutions in the land were shaken, seared, or were going under.

With a capital stock of \$30,000, and a surplus of \$11,000, the bank is at the present time in a very prosperous condition and the feelings of its officers are justifiably self-congratulatory. The officers are: J. H. Hawley, president; J. V. B. Butler, vice president; Ira C. Powell, cashier. Other directors are John B. Stump, F. S. Powell and Isaac M. Simpson.

Modern Furniture Store.

The firm of Chase Brothers has been in the furniture business since the first of last March, when the two brothers formed a partnership. P. E. Chase has been in Monmouth about six years, having opened a jewelry store which he conducted in connection with the furniture business.

Both brothers are thorough business men and know the ins and outs of pleasing the public in every detail. Their courteous treatment and fair dealing has already won for them a fine patronage, which is steadily increasing. They have studied the common questions of meeting competition and are fully prepared to meet the prices of any other town and to win a sale when given an opportunity to do so.

Muscott, the Grocer.

One of the foremost business establishments in the town of Monmouth is the grocery store of G. A. Muscott, successor to T. A. Riggs. Mr. Muscott took charge last March. He thoroughly understands the business and looks for every detail of it. The appearance of his place of business is neat, clean and inviting to the customer.

The stock is complete and includes groceries, flour, feed, queensware, granite ware and cement. In his grocery business Mr. Muscott is always supplied with a full line of staple and fancy groceries, giving special attention to the demands of the trade. His large patronage has been well earned by square dealing and unswerving efforts to please those who have favored him with their business. His prices will always be found as low as is consistent with safe business methods. Mr. Muscott's courteous and considerate treatment of his customers has made his store a favorite place to trade. He appreciates the success in business which has come to him as a reward of his work.

Graham & Son.

Graham & Son, proprietors of the only livery barn in Monmouth, have a well merited reputation for square dealing and satisfactory service. They turn out good teams and good rigging every customer value received.

Skilled Mechanic.

W. W. Newman, the popular black-

smith, has spent a lifetime in this work and has mastered every detail of it. He located in Monmouth two years ago and has built up a splendid trade. His shop is fitted up with every modern appliance, including a cold fire-setter and a machine for preparing horse shoes. This machine is his own invention and it works perfectly.

Millinery and Ladies' Furnishings.

Mrs. M. Cornelius recently purchased the millinery stock from Lindsay & Company and moved it to the bakery building. Mrs. Cornelius is an experienced milliner, having had 15 years experience in the business in Eastern cities. In a short time, she will increase her stock and will add a complete line of ladies' furnishing goods.

Peterson, the Land Man.

Grove A. Peterson, the Monmouth real estate dealer, has been engaged in his present business several years, and from every standpoint he has been successful. No man in the valley has better judgment of property values, nor has more intimate knowledge of the country. He is known as a reliable business man of the town and land seekers find him a great help to them in selecting land. He has a large list of city property and ranches for sale, and his aim is to leave both buyer and seller satisfied with every transaction.

KEEN EYE FOR DETAILS

What Every Woman Knows, Told in Police Court.

"Will you please tell us how the lady was dressed," said the attorney for the defense to a woman who was testifying in a Police Court proceeding.

"Well, of course, I didn't see her for longer than a minute, as she got up and walked out of the street car we were both riding in, but she had on a wide gray hat turned up at one side and fastened with a rhinestone buckle, and she had a long white feather and a gray bird's wing on the hat and a narrow band of gold galloon around it and two large scarlet-red velvet roses, and she had the hat fastened on with three hatpins, one of them with a red-glass stone set around with California brilliants and another was in the shape of a four-leaf clover and the third was a big gilt ball, and the hat drooped away over on the right side, and she had a black veil with white dots on it, and it was fastened with a gold arrow run through a rhinestone buckle at the back of the hat. Then she had on a tailored suit of mauve cloth with a jacket down the front and three on the pockets, and it had a wide rolling collar lined with satin a shade or two lighter than the dress, and there was a narrow sash of white silk edging the collar and coming all down the front of the jacket, which was a little more than half-titting and it suggested just a trifle on the left side and—"

"You say you saw the lady but a moment?"

"Yes, just for a moment as she was leaving the car, but I noticed that she had on a gray squirrel skin muff and tipped her hat and—"

"That will do, madam. Next witness please come forward."

"Dallas" and "The Dalles." The Dalles and Dallas are now, and have been for years, having a time with the public who cannot distinguish between the names of the two towns. Both cities have had so much mail misent that the residents of both cities are familiar to both postmasters.

However, more trouble has developed. A man arrived in this city yesterday from the east and while his ticket read The Dalles, his trunk had been checked to Dallas.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Registration Begins.

Registration of voters began in the County Clerk's office Tuesday. All who are entitled to vote must register before September 15 or they will not be allowed to vote at the primaries, which will be held this year on September 24. Following the primaries the registration lists will be opened September 28 for a short time previous to the general election on November 8.

Accepts Hawley Bill.

Senator Chamberlain has accepted Hawley's Siletz bill, leaving his own bill not acted on, as the best way to obtain legislation needed. Hawley's bill, as amended in the house, requires \$250 an acre additional from homesteaders, which Chamberlain thinks is a good provision, but lest the matter die, he will seek to get the Hawley bill through the senate immediately.

Wood Wanted.

I will receive sealed bids for 50 cords of 4-foot Oak Grub and 50 cords large Second-Growth Fir cordwood, to be delivered on or before September 1, 1910, at Public School building in Dallas. Bids to be opened June 15, 1910.

H. G. CAMPBELL.

Clerk of School District No. 2, 610-3.

Missionary Will Speak.

Meln Madsen, for many years a missionary at Pendra Roads, India, is home on a furlough, making a tour of the Christian churches of Oregon. He will speak at the Christian Church in Dallas on Monday, June 15 at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to be present.

Refrigerator for Sale.

Case, golden finish, paneled, provision chamber newly painted and enameled, 19 1/2 x 18 x 13 1/2. Two removable shelves. Ice capacity 50 lbs. Inquire at 609 Shelton Street.

NEWS OF POLK COUNTY

ITEMS CONTRIBUTED BY RUSTLING LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Happenings of Interest in Various Neighborhoods Told in Interesting Manner.

MONMOUTH

Fred Huber is getting his place improved in his shape.

Roy Smith, of Salem, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith. Miss Olive Pettit, of Corvallis, is visiting her many friends in town.

Joseph Houseman has rented the Barnes property and has moved in.

Edward B. Hubbard, of Dallas, was in town Saturday, looking hale and hearty.

Mrs. Mat Graham and Miss Bessie Graham went to Salem on a visit Monday.

Orville Butler has moved to his ranch across the river from Independence, in Marion County.

J. Staley, owner of the Salem Hotel, was in town last week, shaking hands with relatives and friends.

Mr. Harris has moved to the prairie near the mouth of the Willamette, south of Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hampton left Sunday for Enterprise, Walla Walla County, where they will visit their daughter.

Mrs. A. F. Huber and Mrs. A. Parker entertained the Rural Mail Carriers, who met in Monmouth, as announced in Tuesday's paper.

The Reverend Mattoon, of McMinnville, a minister of the Baptist Church, was in Monmouth over Sunday, looking fine for one over 84 years old.

A. F. Huber, our rural mail carrier, says there is a prospect for good roads another winter, judging from the amount of work that is being done along his route.

Mrs. R. Bonney, formerly of Monmouth, is visiting relatives in town. She is a sister of Mrs. J. H. Hawley.

Mrs. Orville Waller, J. H. Mulkey and W. P. Mulkey.

W. Ireland, of Southern California, has been visiting the brother who has been sick so long. Mr. Ireland may take his brother home with him for a change of climate.

The Murdoch family held a reunion Saturday, all of the members of the family being present. There are three sons and three daughters. On Sunday, George, the eldest, left for Washington, D. C., where he will have a Government position for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Hampton visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hampton, and his sister, Mrs. A. F. Huber, Friday and Saturday. Mr. Hampton is principal of a school in Pendleton. The school board has voluntarily re-elected him for another year, at an increased salary. So much for Monmouth Normal graduates.

Frank Kurrie and Miss Belle Hiatt were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Lloyd Mason, Sunday, June 5, Elder Wood, pastor of the Christian Church, officiating. None but near relatives were present. After the ceremony and dinner, they departed for Portland to spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will begin housekeeping in Independence. The young couple received many handsome and costly presents.

Zena-Spring Valley

Miss Joyce Crawford was in Salem, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Cochrane were Salem visitors Monday.

Mr. Cook and Mr. Peck cut their claret hay over a week ago.

Quite a number were present at the Children's Day exercises at Zena, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Henry and son, Wayne Kenneth, were Saturday visitors in Salem.

Miss Ethel Wright, from Washington, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Miller and children, of West Salem, visited at W. H. Crawford's, Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Miller, of West Salem has been visiting during the past week with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford.

Miss Rena Higgins, of Zena, and Miss Helen Altman, of Hillsboro, were married Sunday afternoon, June 5, at the home of Mrs. A. H. Cagle, Reverend Scott performing the ceremony. The bride was becomingly gowned in blue. Only a few near relatives and friends were present. Shortly after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Altman left for Hillsboro, where he is engaged in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barker returned Thursday evening from a trip to Portland and White Salmon, Washington. While in Portland, they attended the wedding of Mrs. Claggett, Mrs. Barker's sister, and while at White Salmon, that of Dr. Z. T. Barker, Mr. Barker's cousin. Dr. and Mrs. Barker accompanied them on their return trip and visited here over Friday.

POPCORN

Frank Wilson went to Dallas, Wednesday.

Strawberry picking is in progress in the hills.

Dr. A. B. Starbuck, of Dallas, visited at the home of L. D. Gibson, Sunday.

B. Southwick has been selling and hauling oats to the Little mill in Salem.

EOLA

Mrs. Brophy has about sixty young turkeys.

G. W. Chapman has finished painting his house.

Mrs. Blackburn is visiting her mother, Mrs. Crowley.

Mr. Berry's children were taken back to the Mule School, where they

will take part in the program Wednesday afternoon.

Glenn Hogg is recovering from an attack of whooping cough.

Most of the strawberries in this neighborhood have been picked.

Mrs. Thomas W. Brunk went to Portland, Tuesday afternoon, where she will attend the Rose Show. She will return home Friday.

John Robbins, who recently moved onto a portion of E. Young's property, is building a house and barn and making other improvements.

BUELL

Mrs. Kellogg has gone to Airline for a two days' visit.

Miss Nora Jones visited relatives at Harmony, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Halls visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newbill, Sunday.

Will Fletcher, of Gopher Valley, visited his parents here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Yeaton were visitors on the creek last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogue are down from the mountains for a couple of days.

Quite a number from here attended the funeral of the little Tabor girl at Sheridan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orvitt visited with A. W. Fletcher and family, Sunday.

A large crowd from here attended the entertainment at Harmony, Saturday evening, and enjoyed the program.

BALLSTON

N. F. Gregg is still in poor health.

George Ball told a valuable horse Saturday evening.

Mrs. G. W. Newbill visited her parents in Lafayette, Sunday.

The Sunday School will have Children's Day exercises Sunday.

Quite a number of Ballston people are expected to attend the Rose Festival in Portland.

E. C. Birks and family returned to Ballston, Thursday, after a two years residence in Idaho.

F. B. Gould, who has been in charge of the Willamette section for some time, has resumed charge of this section. Mr. Gardner, who took Mr. Gould's place here, has returned to Portland.

POLK

A good rain before hay harvest would be beneficial.

Mrs. H. Peters has had a new windmill erected on her place.

Most of the strawberries will be gathered by the end of the week.

Ewing Brothers are building a lot of new fences and otherwise improving their place.

The school clerk has posted notices of the annual school election, to be held June 20, at 2 p. m.

H. Dyck, a real estate agent of Portland, was in this neighborhood a few days last week, looking up land bargains.

Five North Dakota farmers stopped over Sunday in this vicinity. They were well pleased with the country hereabouts.

Another debate at the Smithfield schoolhouse next Saturday night. Subject, "Resolved, That fire has done more damage than water."

Mr. Dyck and Mr. Quiring, from Oklahoma, have been looking at the country with the intention of settling here, if suited with the climate and land. The Oregon climate suits nearly everyone that comes from the East, South or North.

OAK GROVE

J. E. Allen went to the hills for strawberries Monday.

Mrs. Texella and Miranda White visited at Crowley, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. White were Salem visitors Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Irwin, of Salem, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seeley, last week.

Miss Mammie Shaffer, of Eola, is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Fred Doney.

Not a very large crowd at our picnic, but what a good time everybody reports!

Mr. and Mrs. Craven, of Dallas, visited Mrs. Craven's father, S. K. Crowley, Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Allen, who was badly hurt in a runaway last week, is getting along nicely.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mr. Dunn's family is afflicted with measles.

Miss Johnson is visiting Miss Josephine Adams.

Measles are prevalent in the vicinity of Brush College.

O. E. Fry is in the hospital and has had a dangerous operation.

Mr. St. Pierre and daughter, Mabel, spent Tuesday on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Snipe, of Salem, spent Sunday evening at the Grice home.

A number of people from here attended the Oak Grove picnic Saturday.

S. I. Bohon, from Arizona, is visiting his sister, Mrs. L. Grice. Mrs. Grice had not seen her brother for twenty-three years.

PERRYDALE

Miss Bella Baird, of McMinnville, was a visitor at the home